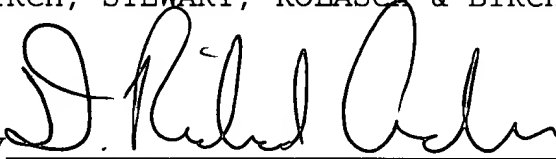


- ☐ Petition for () month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

January 8, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2001, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application; claims 1, 6, and 10 being independent.

The Official Action

In the Office Action dated October 10, 2001, the Examiner rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Parulski et al. (EP0 860 980 A2).

Claim Rejections

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the personal interview conducted on January 7, 2002. During the interview, the parties agreed that Parulski et al. does not